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IMPORT OF TOYS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been fixed with regard to import of toys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to ban the import of Chinese toys; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (d) Toys are classified under Chapter 95 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items. Import of toys is free. As per Foreign Trade Policy, all imports are subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environmental and safety norms as applicable to domestically produced goods.

As regards the safety requirement for toys, the Bureau of Indian Standards has published the following three standards for safety requirement for toys:-

1. IS 9873 (Part I): 2001 / ISO 8124-1:2000 Safety requirements for toys: Part 1: Safety aspects related to mechanical and physical properties.

2. IS 9873 (Part 2): 1999 / ISO 8124-2:1994 Safety requirements for toys: Part 2: Flammability requirements

3. IS 9873 (Part 3) : 1999/ISO 8124 − 3:1997 Safety requirements for toys: Part 3: Migration of certain elements, prescribed maximum acceptable element migration, for Antimony (sb), Arsenic (As), Barium (Ba), Cadmium (Cd), Chromium (Cr), Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg) and Selenium (Se) from toy materials.

The aforementioned BIS standards are neither mandatory on domestic manufacturers nor on imports.